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A Harry Potter-themed lunch at the Pendulum Court brings wizard mania to campus.

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WORLD

Video may offer solidification of bin Laden guilt

LONDON — Videos circulated by Osama bin Laden have added to the evidence linking him and the al-Qaida network to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the United States, the British government said Wednesday in an updated dossier on the investigation.

The document, published by Prime Minister Tony Blair's office, said the Saudi dissident had come "closest to admitting responsibility" for the attacks in an "inflammatory video," allegedly made on Oct. 20, that was not released to the media but circulated to al-Qaida members.

"The battle has been moved inside America, and we shall continue until we win this battle, or die in the cause and meet our Maker," the document quotes bin Laden as saying.

The dossier also said the majority of the 19 hijackers involved in the Sept. 11 atrocities had established links with al-Qaida. A senior associate of bin Laden also admitted training some of the hijackers in Afghanistan, it said.

"The intelligence material now leaves no doubt whatever of the guilt of bin Laden and his associates," Blair told Parliament Tuesday.

—Associated Press

NATION

Americans freed by U.S. military

WASHINGTON — Eight foreign aid workers, including two Americans, held captive in Afghanistan for three months for preaching Christianity were airlifted to freedom Wednesday by U.S. military helicopters.

The Taliban militia had agreed to release the aid workers but left them behind as they fled from northern alliance rebels, paving the way for their dramatic rescue, senior Bush administration officials said.

Three U.S. special forces helicopters picked up the aid workers in a field near Ghazni, about 50 miles southwest of Kabul, at about 8:30 p.m. EST, Pentagon officials said.

The aid workers were flown to Pakistan, where some were to be reunited with family, and appeared to be in good health, officials said.

President Bush hailed the turn of events.

Mr. Bush had rejected several attempts by the Taliban to use the aid workers as bargaining chips.

—Associated Press

CAMPUS

Media impact to be discussed at conference

The Victims Rights and Media conference will bring together media professionals and sexual assault victims' advocates today in the BYU Conference Center to look at the impact the media have on victims and residents.

The conference, scheduled for 8:30 HCEB, begins at 10 a.m. and runs until 2 p.m. It will be broadcast on NewsNet's Web site at http://newsnet.byu.edu/live.

The Webcast will be archived and available on NewsNet's Web site on Friday, said Michael Hadley, web director.

The conference will host speakers and a panel discussion to open communication on the concerns that both the victims and the media have when covering sensitive issues.

Susan Chasson, chairwoman of the Utah County Sexual Assault Task Force, will speak about First Amendment and the Utah Rights Amendment.

Panelists will include Mike Fitzgerald, managing editor of the Daily Herald; Donald W. Meyers, Daily Herald opinion page editor; Sam Penrod, reporter for KSL-TV and Mindy Leatherhouse, a victims' advocate. The conference is free.

—Alice-Anne Lewis

For more on these stories, check out NEWSNET

Today on newsnet.byu.edu

Live Webcast of panel discussion on media impact on sexual assault victims.

Slow market spurs Geneva shutdown

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After years of financial loss, Geneva Steel temporarily shut down production Wednesday morning and laid off approximately 1,400 workers.

Geneva President Ken C. Johnsen said the company has been losing money daily with operation costs, and hasn't made a profit for months. The temporary shutdown is an attempt to conserve cash during what Johnsen calls a "weak market" for steel industries.

"We're trying to tread water while the market is difficult," he said.

The 1,400 lay-offs are not permanent terminations, and many ex-workers are holding out for the company to start up business again soon, Johnsen said.

Workers affected by the shutdown will still receive benefits from the company, but will eventually have to turn to Union sources for help if Geneva's production capabilities are not restored soon.

Kelly Hansen, financial secretary for the local chapter of the United Steel Workers of America, said the union explored alternatives to the shutdown but decided the best option right now is to impose a complete stop of production.

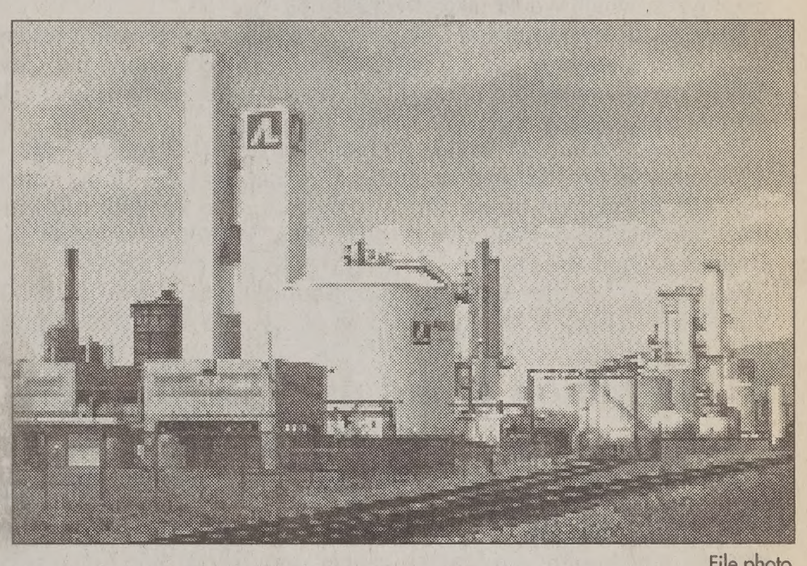
"This is the only option that they could use that would give us any chance of survival," Hansen said.

Some Geneva employees will continue working during the shutdown to keep the ovens burning. While this maintenance still costs more than $400, Hansen said it is far less than the cash Geneva has been "burning through" the last few years.

Assistant Director of Provo Economic Development Dixon Holmes said although the impact of the shutdown is not as severe as it would have been a few years ago, it is still a serious blow to Utah Valley communities. The company is still one of the top ten employers in Utah Valley.

If unable to recover its losses, Johnsen said bankruptcy for the company is conceivable.

"The ripple effect on the economy is pretty significant," he said.



File photo

The Geneva Steel plant will temporarily shut down as the company attempts to conserve cash in a slowing economy. The company also laid off 1,400 workers Wednesday.

Photo illustrations, below and left, show what downtown Salt Lake will look like during the Olympics. The SLOC hopes to have the canvas pictures up by Jan. 15.

Photos courtesy of SLOC

Games provisions take shape

Provo targets safety issues

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With the Olympics fast approaching, the Provo Police Department is cracking down to ensure the Games' safety.

"We're now beginning to develop new security techniques with federal resources that have never been used before," said Lt. Greg Duval, an Olympic coordinator.

Federal money from a 1996 legislative action has increased donations for national security with the goal to prevent the repetition of security issues present in Atlanta, Duval said.

Provo Mayor Lewis Billings expressed confidence Wednesday that the Games would go on as scheduled.

"We are mindful of the events in the world, but our police and emergency personnel have been working with the FBI, Federal Emergency Management Association and the Secret Service to make sure all events Provo will be as safe as possible," Billings said in a news release.

Billings also said his committee is prepared to make sure all is ready when athletes and visitors arrive.

The Olympics in Salt Lake City will be the first Games to implement the new security measure with the federal grant, Duval said.

Provo Police's security plan includes increased patrolling of designated Olympic venue areas, security screening and established driving routes and parking areas, Duval said.

Security will be tightest around the Olympic venue Seven Peaks and its surrounding area.

Every person who enters these venues, including athletes, workers, media and spectators, will pass through security screening, Duval said.

Once at the Olympic venue, people will only be allowed to enter certain portals and rows.

Also, Provo Police have established several routes for people to enter and exit the arena. Roads will be blocked off and people will be directed to certain parking areas, Duval said.

"Traffic is going to increase, but outside of that, we will be day to day," Duval said. "More people will be around in general, but people should feel safe."

The police department is also planning for property thefts and minor incidents that might occur with the increased number of people, Ct. Brad Leathem said.

There will be an increased number of policemen on patrol away from the Olympic venues to prevent thefts and respond more quickly to minor incidents, Leathem said.

These officers will be working both in uniform and undercover, Duval said.

Also, Duval said he believes more people around Provo will deter the number of thefts because there will be more witnesses.

Despite all the safety measures, some in Provo worry about potential threats.

"I know they are doing many things to ensure safety, but I am still concerned anyways because if something is going to happen, it will happen here," said Chiara Degli Esposti, 25, a senior from Bologna, Italy, majoring in linguistics.

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> — Lt. Greg Duval, Olympic coordinator

SLC decor rises with banners

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The Salt Lake Organizing Committee began installing Wednesday the first of 13 building-sized banners that will light up Salt Lake City's downtown skyline.

They will be lit from dusk until midnight daily before the Olympics.

"These banners highlight the power and determination of the athletes," said Scott Gibbons, managing director of SLOC.

The first banner will be hung on the Key Bank building and will be completed next Tuesday, Gibbons said.

The following 12 banners will be installed after Thanksgiving. SLOC hopes to have all the banners hanging by Jan. 15.

"The cityscape building wraps will be the initial Salt Lake 2002 Games-look elements to appear in the downtown area," Mitt Romney, president and CEO of SLOC, said in a news release.

The largest of these banners, measuring 18 stories high and weighing over 2,000 pounds, will be placed on the Church Office Building, Romney said.

The banners focus on Olympic athletes and highlight SLOC's theme "Light the Fire Within."

"The athletes are the most powerful examples of our theme," Romney said. "Everything connects the games with the athletes and their passions."

John Huet, a sports photographer, created the images on the banners. The pictures capture the grace, power and skill of athletes, a news release said.

Huet said he steered away from using athletes with recognizable faces and tried to incorporate athletes from all sports.

News Briefs

Compiled from staff and news service reports

Pakistani man distressed after FBI foray

CHESTER, Pa. — A Pakistani native whose home was searched by the FBI said Wednesday that agents asked him about anthrax and other biological agents and also seized his computer, medicines and financial records.

Asif Kazi, 39, the Chester city accountant, also said his television screen and furniture were swabbed. He denied any wrongdoing.

"I haven't had a parking ticket in my life. I'm shaking. We watch 'The X-Files' on television, but we never thought it would happen here," said Kazi, who came to the United States from Pakistan in 1997.

About 30 FBI agents and a hazardous materials team Tuesday raided Kazi's home along with the home of two brothers who are also Pakistani natives.

SWAT teams spilled from black sport utility vehicles to raid the homes. Neighbors said agents used battering rams to break through the front doors.

More moola expected for state workers

SALT LAKE CITY — It should be raises all around for the state's top officials, a state commission advised the Legislature.

The 2002 Legislature will have the final say on pay raises for state employees, which would take effect July 1.

The Executive and Judicial Compensation Commissions said Tuesday the governor ought to get a 3 percent raise — which would put Gov. Mike Leavitt's salary at $103,600. The commission recommended a 3-percent boost for top appointed executives too.

The attorney general is in line for a bigger raise, 10.2 percent.

The commission has been recommending that pay hike for the state's top law enforcement officer for several years. The Republican-dominated Legislature did not give it to Democratic attorneys general Jan Graham or Paul Van Dam.

Republican Attorney General Mark Shurtleff was elected in 2000. The $84,000 salary is less than what 38 of his assistants make.

$150 million to aid in cancer research

BALTIMORE — Clothing magnate Sidney Kimmel is donating $150 million for cancer research at Johns Hopkins University, the largest gift the school has ever received.

The money will also be used to build a residence for families and patients undergoing prolonged cancer treatments, the university announced Wednesday.

In recognition of the gift — of which the school has so far received $50 million — the Hopkins Cancer Care Center will be renamed The Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins.

"My goal with this gift is to make meaningful advances in our knowledge of cancer," Kimmel said in a statement.

The son of a cab driver, the 73-year-old Kimmel founded the Jones Apparel Group, which manufactures labels such as Jones New York.

Kimmel has also given $25 million to fund research and develop a new prostate and urological cancer center at Memorial Sloan-Kettering in New York.

Palestinian arrest sparks violent protest

JERUSALEM — Palestinian police arrested a top Islamic Jihad activist in the West Bank town of Jenin on Wednesday, setting off a violent protest against Yasser Arafat's security force.

The arrest came as Secretary of State Colin Powell scheduled a key Middle East policy speech for next week.

Islamic Jihad leaders said Palestinian police pulled Mahmoud Tawalbi off a Jenin street and whisked him to a prison in Nablus, 15 miles to the south. They said Tawalbi, 23, was suspected by Israel of recruiting suicide bombers and sending them into Israel.

About 3,000 Palestinians protesting the arrest surrounded Palestinian Preventive Security headquarters in Jenin, firing guns, throwing grenades and burning cars. A security official, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed that Tawalbi had been arrested.

Suicide bombers from Islamic Jihad and Hamas have killed dozens of Israelis and wounded hundreds in nearly 14 months of fighting.

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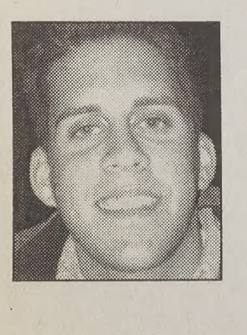

"Remember the worth of souls is great in the sight of God."

— Doctrine and Covenants 18:10

Jeff Daniel, 21, an undeclared major from Carlsbad, N.M., likes this scripture because "It's important to remember that we're all priceless in the sight of God."

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Taliban struggles to keep power

Northern alliance takes over Kabul, citizens rejoice

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — The northern alliance took over key symbols of power in Kabul, including the defense ministry, on Wednesday despite a pledge to support a broad-based government. Anti-Taliban forces took control of the eastern city of Jalalabad and battled for control of the airport outside the Taliban stronghold Kandahar, U.S. and Afghan sources said.

The new gains were scored by local leaders unaffiliated with the northern alliance, including ethnic Pashtuns, long the backbone of Taliban support.

The U.S. effort to foster dissent among Pashtun leaders has persuaded some of the groups to rise up, although tribes are acting on their own volition, a U.S. official said.

Jalalabad — located between Kabul and the Pakistan border — is now firmly in control of anti-Taliban forces, but it's not clear if they are affiliated with the northern alliance, said a U.S. official, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

With the Taliban fleeing south and apparently struggling to prevent their movement from disintegrating, U.S. special forces are hunting for senior members of the Taliban leadership on key roads, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said. "They have been interdicting the main roads that connect the north to the south to see what's going on and to stop people that they think ought to be stopped," he said.

Taliban officials insisted the movement remained intact in its southern strongholds despite its losses. In a statement to the Afghan Islamic Press, a Taliban official, Mullah Abdullah, said the movement's supreme leader Mullah Mohammed Omar and his "guest," bin Laden, were "safe and well."

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In the capital, relieved reside... awoke Wednesday after a ni... free of the nearby crash of U... bombs. Triumphant northe... alliance fighters patrolled ... streets.

Kabul residents cheerfully ab... doned other Taliban edicts ... children flew kites, teen-agers ... tened to music and men sha... their beards. But most worw... retained their all-encompass... burqas.

Ruling faction flees strongholds, Pashtun tribes withdraw support

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Taliban fighters fleeing northern Afghanistan and heading south may be trying to find refuge in caves held by their home tribes and regroup for more combat, a Pentagon spokesman said Wednesday.

"It would appear to us they are abandoning cities they previously had control over," said Rear Adm. John Stufflebeem. "It's not clear why they're doing that. It may be that they're regrouping."

Stufflebeem told reporters at the Pentagon that southern Afghanistan is home to 23 or more Pashtun tribes, many of which appear to be turning against the Taliban. The militia forces have been fleeing the capital of Kabul and Stufflebeem said there was fighting around the airport in their stronghold of Kandahar.

"The are a number of Pashtun tribes in the south who would appear now to be opposing Taliban. Whether or not they're working in concert, we do not know. Whether or not they are organized to work together, we do not know," he said.

Stufflebeem said that while the U.S.-led war against the Taliban and Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorism network has made tremendous gains in the past few days, it is too early to declare victory.

"We don't have enough factual information to assume that this war in Afghanistan is about to end," he said. "We still have the job of finding and getting al-Qaida, we still have the job of finding and getting Taliban leadership."

Earlier, Vice President Dick Cheney said the military defeats inflicted on the Taliban mark a good beginning to the long-term struggle against terrorism, and jabbed at domestic "hand-wringers" who recently criticized the war effort.

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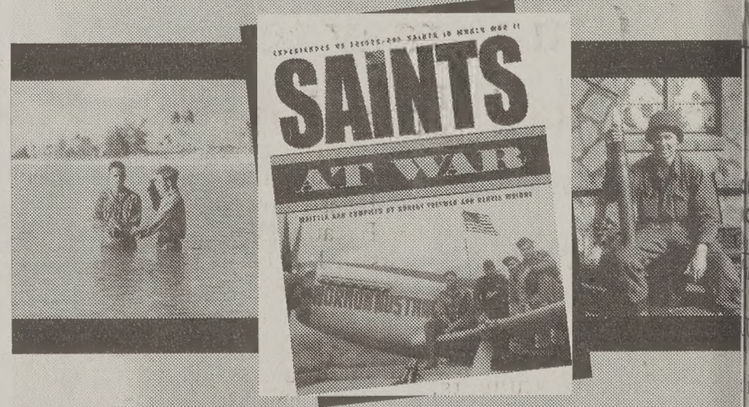

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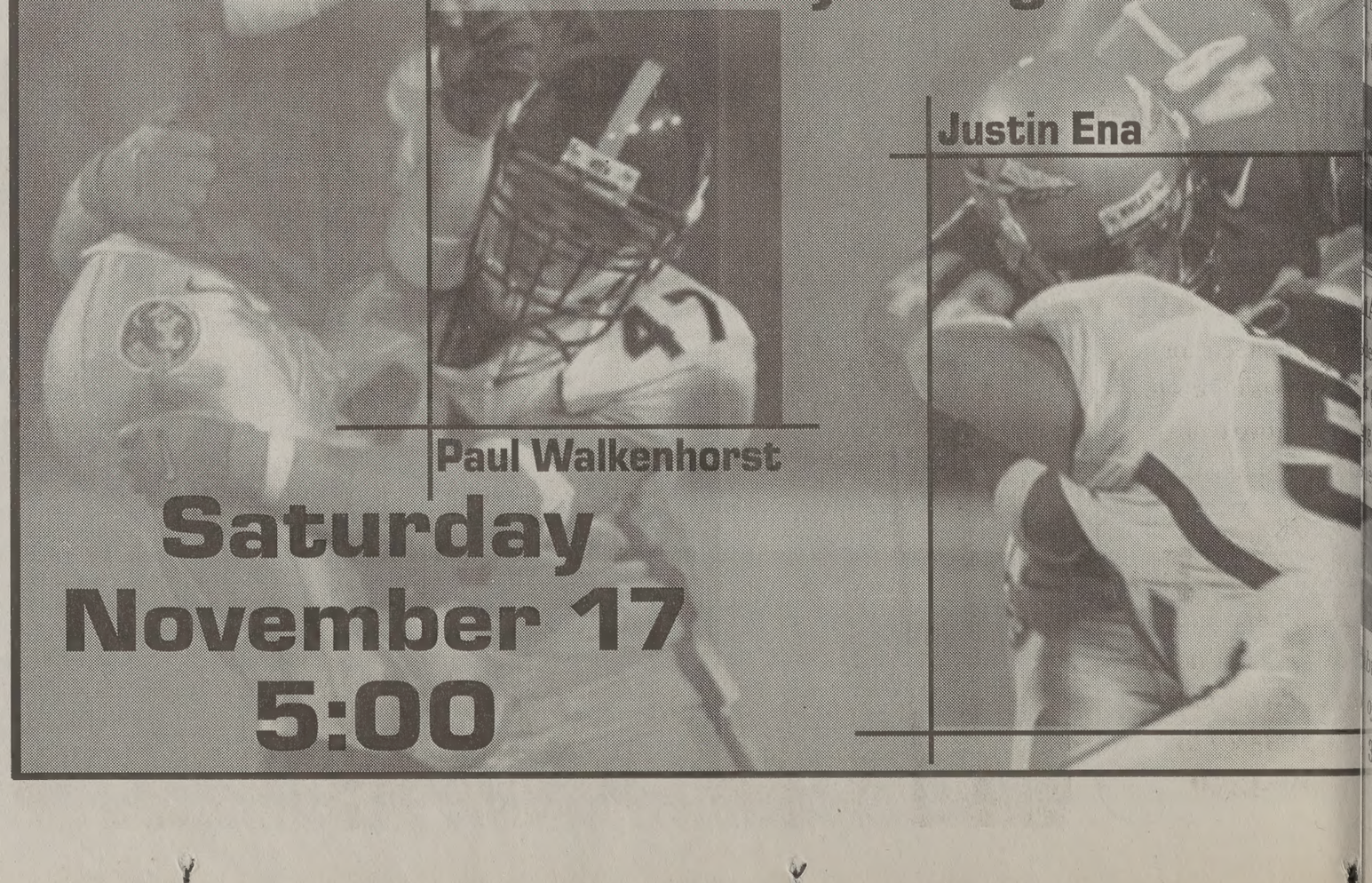

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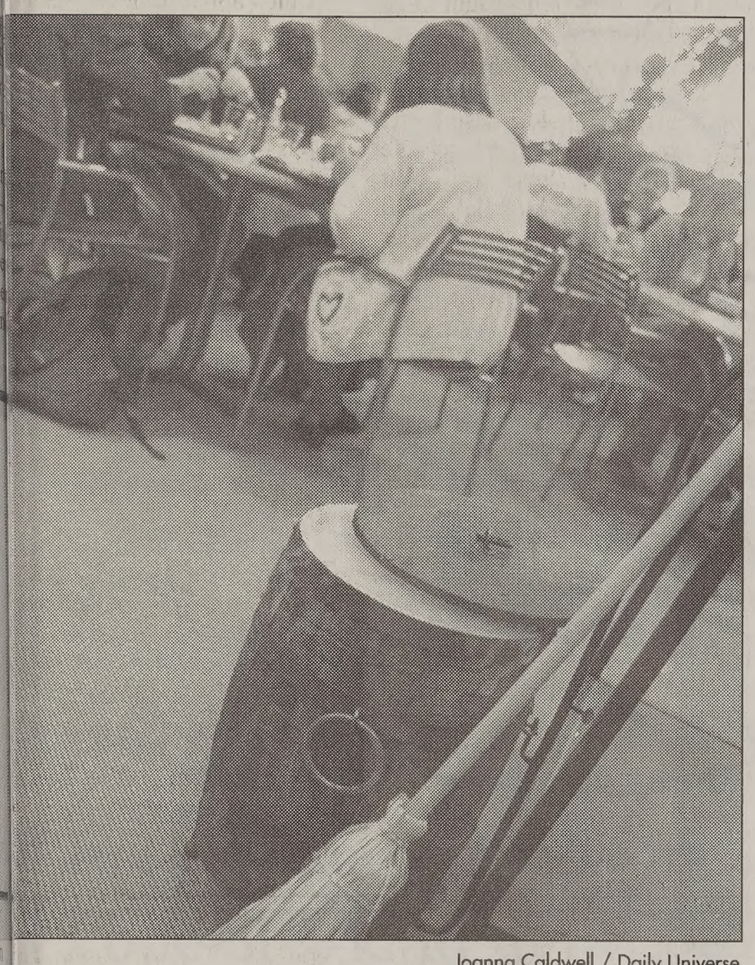

Joanna Caldwell / Daily Universe

y Potter fans enjoy lunch at the Pendulum Cafe. The cafe unable to accommodate all who were interested.

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Harry Potter mania is sweeping the nation. Wednesday, it hit campus like a bludger into a chaser.

The Pendulum Court hosted a special Harry Potter-themed lunch Wednesday in honor of the movie release this weekend.

"The Harry Potter books seem to reach people of all ages," said Sunny Wilson, production manager at the Pendulum Court. "We thought choosing it as a theme would be a fun, magical way to appeal to everyone."

Decorated in true Hogwarts style, the cafe was equipped with everything from hanging Quidditch balls to flying broomsticks.

The staff developed a special menu to go along with the theme, said Mary Brown, a dietetics intern who helps manage the Pendulum Court.

The menu featured such items as Hagrid's "hero" wraps, chocolate frog brownies and sorcerer's scones.

The Pendulum Court, which requires reservations, did not have enough room to accommodate all the people who wanted to attend the event, Wilson said.

"We started advertising on Thursday, and we had ran out of room by Friday morning," Brown said.

Staff members dressed like Harry Potter, complete with black glasses and glittering lighting bolts on their foreheads.

John Cannon, a professor in chemistry and biochemistry, was just finishing the first volume in the Harry Potter series as he ate his lunch — Hogwarts ham.

"All my grandkids have read the books. So I figure if I want to be able to carry on a conversation with them, I should know a little about Harry Potter," Cannon said.

Those waiting in line munched on Bertie's Every Flavor Beans while inspecting the potion vials of Gilly Weed and Lacewig flies.

"I am so excited to see the movie," said Jennifer Steubben, 21, a senior from Cleveland, Ohio, majoring in English.

"I've read the books six or seven times, and I'm having a party before we go to the movie Friday night," she said.

"I've read the books six or seven times."
— Jennifer Steubben, BYU student

picy seminar to stimulate senses

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"Awakening the Senses" s will spice things up at 's seminar on taste and

matherapy and tasting sam- will make up only a slice of lustrative aids Courtney ll and Mandi Croft said they o use in their presentation.

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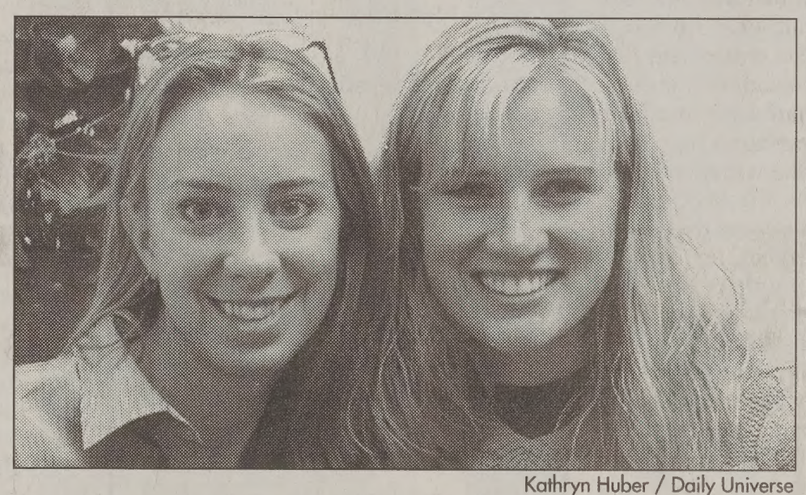

Kathryn Huber / Daily Universe

Mandi Croft (left) and Courtney Merrill will speak today about taste and smell at the "Awakening the Senses" seminar.

Merrill said that as students set aside a few moments, their minds will expand to a broader appreciation of the world.

Also, Merrill said the sense of taste is too often correlated with a guilty conscience.

Merrill said she plans to bring in a variety of tasting samples, running from sweet to sour to bitter. She said she is going to encourage students to concentrate on the texture and flavor.

"Awakening the Senses through Taste and Smell" will be in 3223 WSC at 11 a.m.

U, China may team up teach children English

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and the Chinese governn- are teaming up to teach sh to Chinese students, rs and businessmen, Leon ybyla said in Wednesday's tional forum.

Chinese government ly mandated that children indergarten to high school English, said Przybyla, te director of technology r at BYU.

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is in a unique position to he government in fulfilling ndate, he said.

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yla is partnering with Blair to sell the curriculum to the Chinese government.

Because BYU products will be used, BYU will profit from this partnership.

"If you got the whole market, you're talking a half billion dollar a year business," Przybyla said

China has 130 million elementary school students, about half the population of the entire United States.

Preliminary contracts with China will be signed between January and March, Przybyla said.

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Workshop focuses on divorce helps

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Following her parents' divorce last year, Becky Johnson is looking for ways to help others avoid the same experience.

A workshop designed to prevent divorce, which will take place tonight in 103 JSB at 7, is exactly what Johnson wants people to hear who are considering ending their marriage.

The workshop has been organized by Brent Barlow, associate professor of marriage, family and human development, and will feature talks by four of his students.

"If it makes a positive difference in just one marriage, then the whole program is worth it," Johnson said.

The workshop is free and is being offered to friends and relatives of people considering divorce as well as couples struggling in their marriages, he said.

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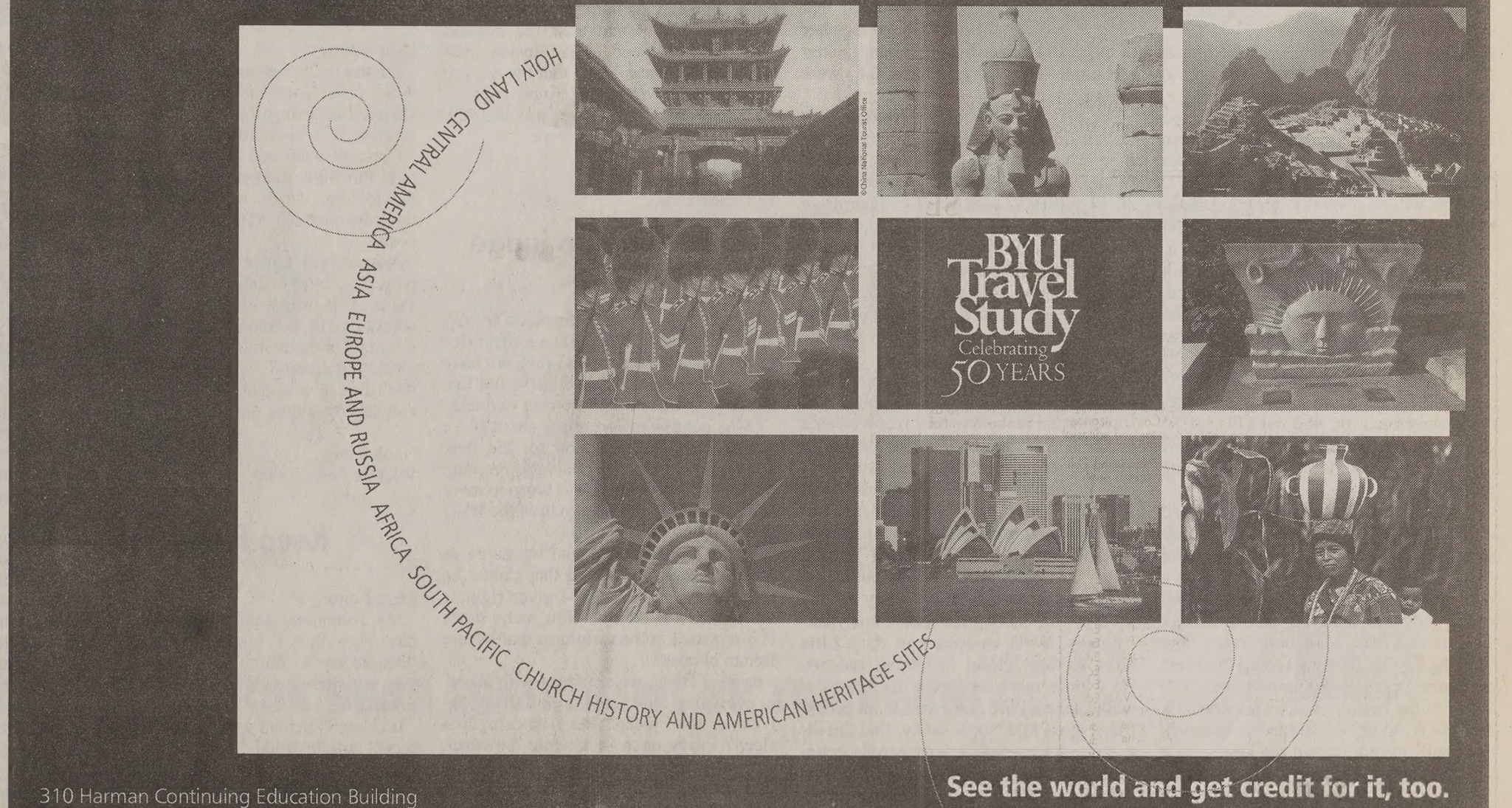
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Each Thanksgiving, thousands of BYU students drive home to be with their families for the holiday. This year, fears of terrorists, engine failures and long lines at airports may motivate even more students to drive rather than fly.

But as students make their holiday travel plans, they should remember that long before most Americans were scared of hijacked planes, cars were killing thousands every year. And although we don't discourage students from driving home, we do urge them to drive cautiously.

Last year alone, 41,821 people were killed in car accidents, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. That's an average of 115 people a day, or one person every 13 minutes.

And BYU students are certainly not invulnerable. In fact, the leading cause of death for people of college age is motor vehicle accidents, according to the NHTSA. On average, four BYU students a year are killed in traffic accidents, according to University Police.

In their understandable excitement to get home, students may dismiss the dangers of driving long stretches late at night. No one believes it will happen to them. But if Sept. 11 has taught Americans anything, it's that no one is immune to tragedy.

University Police estimate that drowsy driving is the number one cause of student traffic accidents and traffic deaths. Many of the nation's universities are plagued by drunk driving deaths, but BYU's vice is sleep deprivation.

Indeed, the reason the administration decided in 1998 to cancel classes on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving was to encourage students to drive during the day, instead of all night.

But for those who have to drive at night, NHTSA offers some simple, life-saving advice. Get enough sleep before you leave. Travel with other people and take turns driving. Stop every hour to stretch. Don't use the cruise control if you have one. Turn on the radio, but not to quiet, soothing music. And make sure the air in the car is uncomfortably cold.

Even on dark, seemingly empty highways, avoid the temptation to make better time by speeding. According to University Police, speeding is the second leading cause of student traffic accidents.

We urge anyone traveling this weekend and next week to take the precautions necessary to have a safe trip. Every parent would rather their child come home later than planned than not at all.

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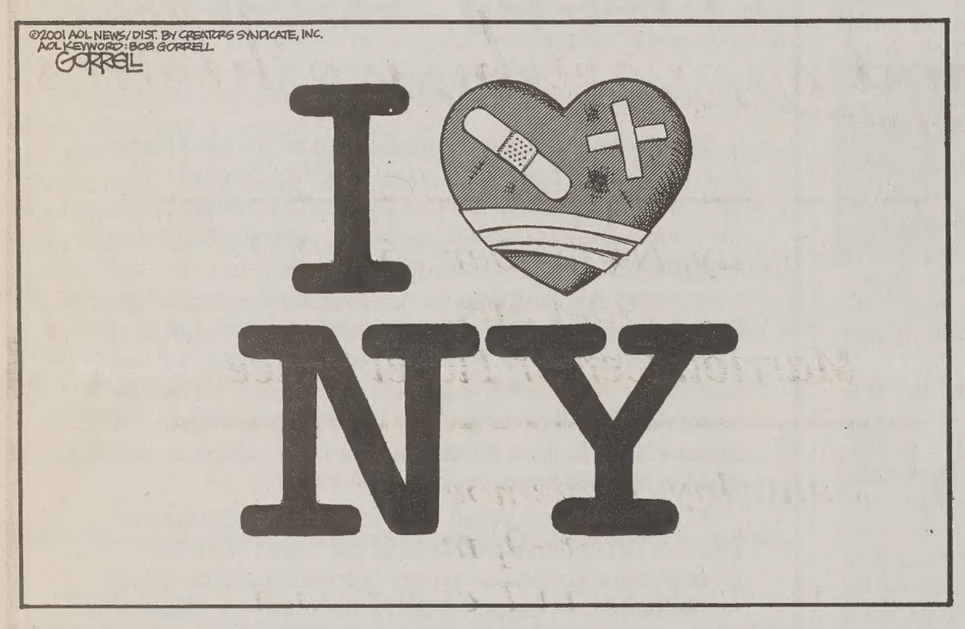

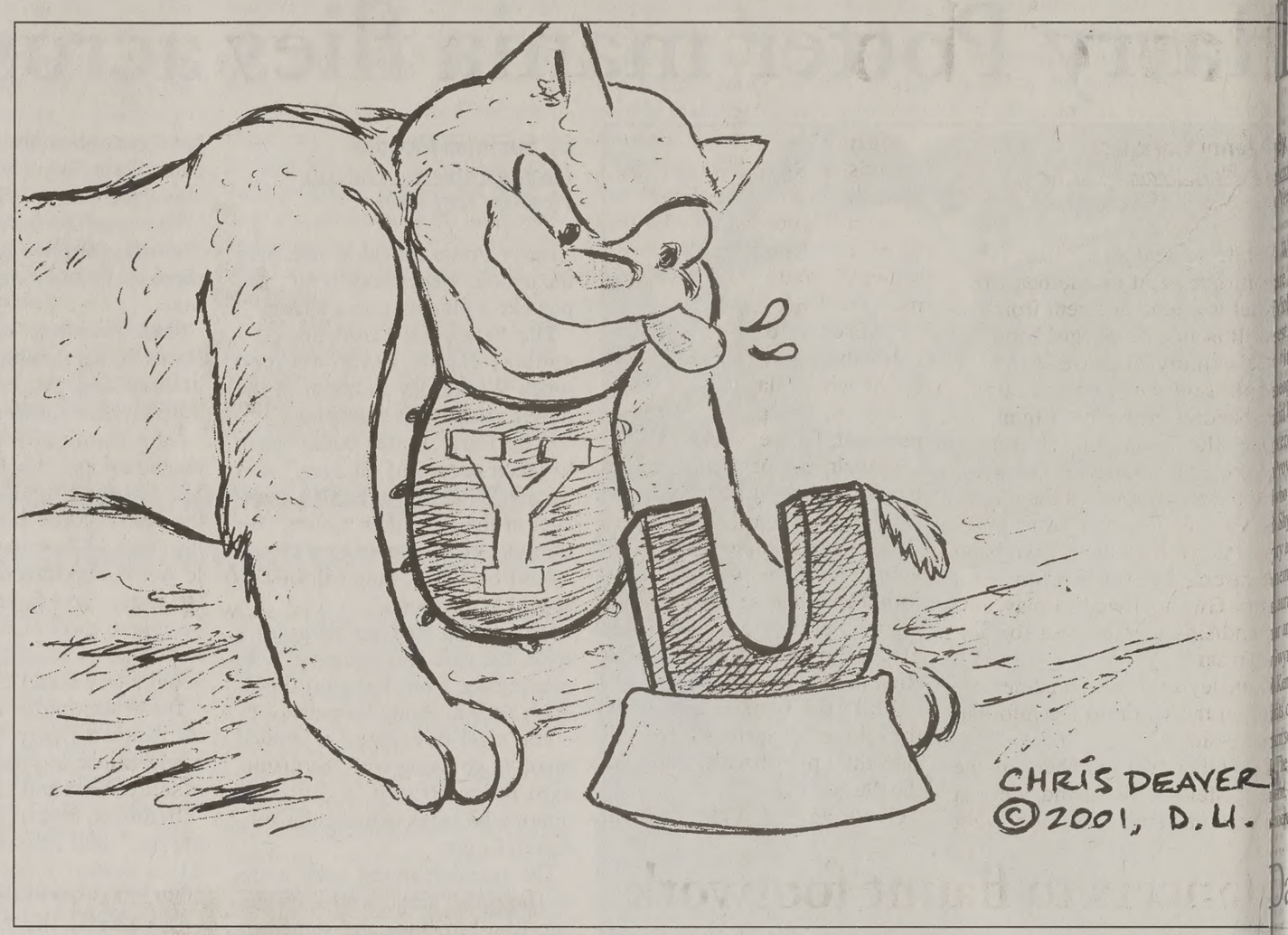

VIEWPOINT

What it takes to win

Naomi Frandsen
La Canada, Calif.

Luke Staley has been getting ready for Saturday's game since last July. What have you been doing? An old proverb claims, "It takes a village to raise a child."

For BYU, this could well be rewritten, "It takes a school to win a game."

So what have you been doing for the game? Have you planned a face-painting party for before the game? Have you thrown your BYU sweatshirt in the washer? Have you donated your three-month old cans of cream of mushroom soup to the food drive?

"But," you protest, "How could those things possibly make our football team win?" The answer: Victory will wear two faces for BYU on Saturday, and BYU students will be pivotal in bringing about both.

First: the big win. Everyone wants it. Alumni from both schools, be they in Salt Lake City or South Hampton, England, will be making small wagers on Saturday's outcome. Cougar enthusiasts are nervously speculating. What if this is the game we finally lose? Even ESPN seems to have picked up on the excitement generated by the BYU/U of U grudge match by moving the kick-off time within a couple of hours of prime time.

BYU students can do a lot in creating an environment ripe for victory. You've all seen the inspirational Disney films. The good guys' team is behind, maybe even a little shaken in their confidence, and all of the sudden, the crowd rises to its feet and starts doing something crazy like flapping their arms or stomping their feet or singing the school's alma mater. The music in the background — previously a mournful violin — suddenly becomes bold, full, sweeping, and modulates up a key every time the team starts making a comeback. The game is won within three minutes, and family and friends swarm onto the field in wild enthusiasm.

Well, the Cougars won't have a soundtrack on Saturday (other than the band), but Cougar fans can effect the same sense of momentum in their display of spirit throughout the whole week. Why wear blue only on Friday? Why not the whole week?

The second kind of victory won't be measured in touchdowns and yardage. It's the win that both schools can walk away with. It's the win that the New York Yankees felt even after the Diamondbacks got the trophy. It's the win that brings people together in unity and leaves the community better and kinder after the game than they were before.

The playing field for this victory isn't LaVell Edwards Stadium so much as the food drive bins in the Wilkinson Student Center. And the game won't be over until all of the BYU and U of U fans drive away unmolested by each other, and maybe even exchanging a few friendly words and tentative smiles.

If Saturday's game promotes friendship, respect, and a general brotherly kindness despite the final score, then all will have won indeed.

So what can you do? While Luke Staley is running laps and lifting weights, BYU students can make Ute fans feel welcome on the BYU campus. Surprise them with your sincere friendliness and your genuine efforts to make their experience at BYU a positive one. BYU students and the Provo community can bring in canned food for the annual BYU/U of U food drive. Last year, BYU won by collecting 17,000 pounds of food. Today is the deadline for beating the record this year.

Finally, BYU students can do a little more to draw closer to fellow students. Be a little more courteous on the sidewalks, take a little more time to let pedestrians cross 800 North safely, find the little acts of service that make people grateful to be Cougars and proud to be associated with BYU.

Yes, the Cougars are hungry for the win. But the victory we're aiming for will be the kind to taste sweet even after the season is over. Go Cougars!

READERS' FORUM

Cougs on road to glory

Dear Editor,

The writer of one letter to the editor on Tuesday said that our football team is definitely not BCS worthy. Well, the fact is no one knows if we are BCS worthy or not. We're untested. The writer said that if 4-5 Colorado State gained 600 yards on us, Oklahoma might score 1,000 yards on us, and that would be embarrassing.

Well, first of all, it doesn't matter to you or me how many yards whoever gained on us. The point is we won the game. Like Julius in "Remember the Titans" said, individuals may not be perfect, but the BYU football team is a perfect 10-0. Our stats do matter to Coach Crowton, and I'm sure he's addressing the issue. Doesn't being a Cougar fan mean hoping for the best? I think being a Cougar fan means hoping we go to the Fiesta Bowl and beat the other team (most likely in a shoot-out) and proving we deserve all the hype.

When we say "Go Cougars!" don't we want them to go and be all that they can be, even if there may be some embarrassment potential? Otherwise, why watch the game — so we can cheer our team on to mediocrity just because in striving higher we might fail? What kind of support is that?

Thanks to all the true fans who give real support to the team. I wholeheartedly applaud Coach Crowton, our football team and their great season so far this year. Go on to an undefeated season, but for now, beat the Utes!

Brent Fredrickson
Sunnyvale, Calif.

True-blue fan

Dear Editor,

I am no closet Ute. There is no red sympathy in my heart. I grew up in Salt Lake City, and as a DNA Cougar fan, I put up with the obnoxious Utes from day one. Every year I am awestruck by our BYU fans with red tendencies. Our neighbors to the north despise everything about BYU. If they had it their way, they would have our university wiped from the face of the earth.

All I am asking is that we show no mercy to the Utes on Saturday. Let them enter a hostile stadium covered in blue. May the boos pound their red helmets like rain. We need to get inside their heads and let them know that the days of winning in Provo are effectively over.

The best BYU game ever was in 1989: BYU 70, Utah 31. I was there.

Rex Warner
Salt Lake City

Choose not to judge

Dear Editor,

I have noticed some response to my article that was published last week, titled "Seek to Understand." As I may not have expressed myself very well, I would like to clarify the point I was trying to make.

I was not griping so much about if we should or should not stop for the flag, although that was the catalyst prompting me to write the letter. I was worried more about the judgmental attitude of the BYU student body.

One of the freedoms that we enjoy as human beings, something that cannot be taken away from us, a God-given right, is our freedom to choose. How many times is it repeated in the scriptures that we are free to choose?

Even at BYU, we are faced with choices every day. Do I study or do I sleep? Do I eat or do I sleep? Do I date or do I sleep? Every once in a while, however, our fellow students choose something that we would not choose. Whether it be not stopping for the flag, not going to FHE, or — heaven forbid — drinking a caffeinated beverage, the intolerance of the BYU student body is amazing as they condemn that person for sins which aren't sins.

I asked the man sitting next to me in class to read this letter. He agreed, with the statement, "Stopping for the flag is a tricky issue. I know I should, but sometimes I don't. I think you can still be patriotic on your way to class."

I agree. I know that stopping is the "American" thing to do, and I usually do it, but every once in a while I make the choice not to. As such, I will live with the consequences of my choices, without the necessity of living with the punishment of my peers.

Again, the point of my letter was not to urge BYU students to walk through "The Star Spangled Banner," but rather to urge them to understand a person's actions before judging them unfairly. Try to walk a mile in their shoes before you condemn them.

Seek to understand, then to be understood.

I am tolerance. I am harmony. I am empathy. I am BYU.

Ryan Koch
Colorado Springs, Colo.

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Ads no laughing matter

Dear Editor,

A letter in the Readers' Forum asked for those upset over the recent polygamy-centered ad campaign to "lighten up." I suppose it is his opinion that we should all just sit back and have a good laugh over the whole matter. After all, according to him, we do not want people to think we take our religion "way too seriously."

Personally, I fail to see how it takes a religious zealot to deplore the advertising Wasatch Brewery was trying to use. I would like to see them try it with another religious or ethnic minority (e.g., Jews or blacks). It certainly would not be "hilarious" then. It would probably be on CNN, and they would be out of business.

Noah Craig
Wichita Falls, Texas

Keep flying

Dear Editor,

My roommate said something a few days ago that I found to be true — "People are so dumb sometimes." Let's turn our attention to the new scare of airplanes.

In Jesse Coleman and Kallee Nielsen's recent article titled "Calamity fractures confidence," we learn that many students are afraid to fly this holiday season in light of the Queens accident and the Sept. 11 tragedies. One student said he wasn't willing to risk his life for a little family get together.

Let's be honest, BYU — that is sad. I really haven't read anything this year [illegible] patriotic. Are families not a major part [illegible] what America represents?

Those who do not travel for fear h[illegible] basically surrendered to the terro[illegible] because they have already lost their f[illegible] dom to travel, to assemble as a family [illegible] to be happy.

If ideology is not enough to keep pe[illegible] in the air, then how about this logi[illegible] don't understand how students can[illegible] afraid to fly, yet they get in their cars [illegible] drive five blocks to school. The cha[illegible] of dying in a car today is much gre[illegible] especially when students have l[illegible] regard for crosswalks and stop si[illegible] Besides, weren't there a few pl[illegible] wrecks last year? How about the [illegible] before? What is the deciding factor [illegible] ing to students that now it is unsaf[illegible] fly? I say we wise up and do our cou[illegible] a service. Get on the plane, eat [illegible] peanuts and have a great Christmas.

I close with the wise words of Tiny T[illegible] "God bless us, every one!"

Jeff Mulcock
Mesa, Ariz.

Thanks, BYU

Dear Editor,

In light of the upcoming Thanksgi[illegible] celebration, we would like to pub[illegible] express our gratitude to all those [illegible] have courageously shared their insi[illegible] in the paper's opinion section.

We appreciate the people who [illegible] brought to our attention the merits [illegible] perils of Coke ads at the Marriott Ce[illegible]

To the two newly-ordained ministe[illegible] the Universal Life Church, we thank[illegible] for reminding us about the power of [illegible]

In this world of individualism, we[illegible] grateful to those who indulge in PDA[illegible] showing us that love is still in the[illegible] amidst the terror in the world. Fol[illegible] CCAMP, thank you for champio[illegible] morality and being our brothers' kee[illegible]

Also, we appreciate all of those [illegible] have made us more politically awar[illegible] issues such as SCAMP and voter turn[illegible]

Furthermore, we thank all those [illegible] dents who have endured spending h[illegible] in the Testing Center without nou[illegible] ment, for they have shown us the p[illegible] of mind over matter. And to those [illegible] have eaten there, thank you for being[illegible] creet and well prepared.

And lastly, to those from warmer st[illegible] we thank you for being tolerant [illegible] those of us with cold feet who wear s[illegible] with our sandals.

May all of us continue to be gratef[illegible]

Juliet Go, Honolulu, Hawaii
Megan Renne[illegible], Reno, Nev.

Trent Crow
Jackson, Mich.

Variable judgment

Dear Editor,

Due to a recent Halloween dance i[illegible] Wilkinson Student Center, I was inc[illegible] to share my opinions on a double [illegible] dard that I encountered. I was goi[illegible] the dance with some of my friend[illegible] we were all dressed up in our costu[illegible] My friend had on a modest dress th[illegible] the front was about half an inch abov[illegible] knees. When we were in line to ge[illegible] the dance, a woman told her she cou[illegible] go into the dance with a dress like[illegible] My friend returned home quite dis[illegible] aged and spent her night alone pl[illegible] Solitaire. I remained at the dance.

While I was dancing, I noticed one[illegible] wearing an extremely short cheerle[illegible] skirt that had to have been at least [illegible] above his knees. However, he was le[illegible] the dance and my friend with a skir[illegible] an inch above her knees was not.

I am not saying that I disagree wi[illegible] Honor Code. I believe it is a good [illegible] but when contradiction and hyp[illegible] come into play, I am deeply disturb[illegible]

Breanne Sandberg
Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif.

Provo's hot 'girl band' everything but shy

By Jenni Carlquist
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While several students at BYU are in one band or another, Shye Violet is a little different from the rest. It is an official "girl band."

"It's funny because last year people said we were the hottest girl band in Provo, but I think we were the only girl band in Provo," said Janelle Kemsley, who plays the violin in the group. Shye Violet formed last February almost by accident. Two band members, Lauren Richins and Laura Gwyn, started to play guitar and sing together just for fun, Gwyn said.

Kemsley said she added her talents on the violin to the informal jam sessions.

The other two members of the band, Melanie Wade and Victoria Froerer, had an interest in playing instruments and joined their friends in Shye Violet to complete the five-member band.

"A guy in our ward had a drum set and I always wanted to play around," Wade said. "He taught me a few basic things."

Froerer said she decided to learn the bass because she was dating a bass player.

"I said, 'he plays that, I can play that,'" Froerer said.

At their first performance, three band members were playing borrowed instruments, Froerer said.

Shye Violet, although relatively young and new, had several performances last semester, including the Spring Fling and an Operation Smile Benefit Concert, Richins said.

While the band members said they love to perform, Kemsley said they play because they love the music.

Gwyn agreed. "The first time we play a song through after everyone has their parts down, it's the best feeling," she said.

All of the music the group is working on is original, Gwyn said. She said she and Richins write vocal and guitar parts, and the band works out the rest

The women practiced in their apartment last semester, but this semester they have officially been dubbed a "garage band," Richins said.

Kemsley said a friend from last year asked them to practice in her garage because she wanted a band to use it for practice and the garage was available.

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From left, Lauren Richards, Melanie Wade, Laura Gwyn, Janelle Kemsley and Victoria Froerer, members of Shye Violet show off their instruments. Shye Violet is unique in that all its members are female.

Artist exchanges brush for pen

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Greg Olsen, known for his paintings depicting Jesus Christ, will put his paintbrush down to sign autographs today from 6 to 8 p.m. in the BYU Bookstore.

For his first official visit to campus, Olsen will be available on the first floor to sign prints and answer questions, said Val Ugolini, a supervisor and buyer for the art and frame department of the BYU Bookstore.

Students can purchase Olsen's prints for a wide range of prices, Ugolini said, from as low as 75 cents to $700.

"O Jerusalem" is the highest selling print of Olsen's at the bookstore.

"Wherever He Takes Me," Olsen's most recently-released painting, will also be on sale as a print in the BYU Bookstore, Ugolini said.

Dancers to flaunt footwork in a one-of-a-kind showcase

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The Dancensemble will showcase student and faculty choreography this weekend in their "Standing Room Only" concert.

Martha Howe, 22, a senior from Ventura, Calif., majoring in dance, said Dancensemble is not a repertory company, so the audience will never see the same piece twice.

"This semester, company members will perform the works of three student choreographers from the Dancensemble, Howe said.

Howe will present "My Heart Beats," her third contribution to a Dancensemble concert and what she refers to as her "vulnerable" piece.

"I really wanted to express how each of us is a vulnerable person," Howe said. "We put up walls to protect ourselves."

To achieve this message in her work, she said she maintained a minimalistic movement structure and with motifs and dances.

"By it being simple, clear movement, it can be expressed that all of us has that simplicity and vulnerability, and that heart we only show to certain people — like when you're writing in your journal," Howe said.

"Standing Room Only" will run Friday and Saturday in the Richards Building studio theater, room 166 at 7:30pm.

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Dancensemble members practice for this weekend's show.

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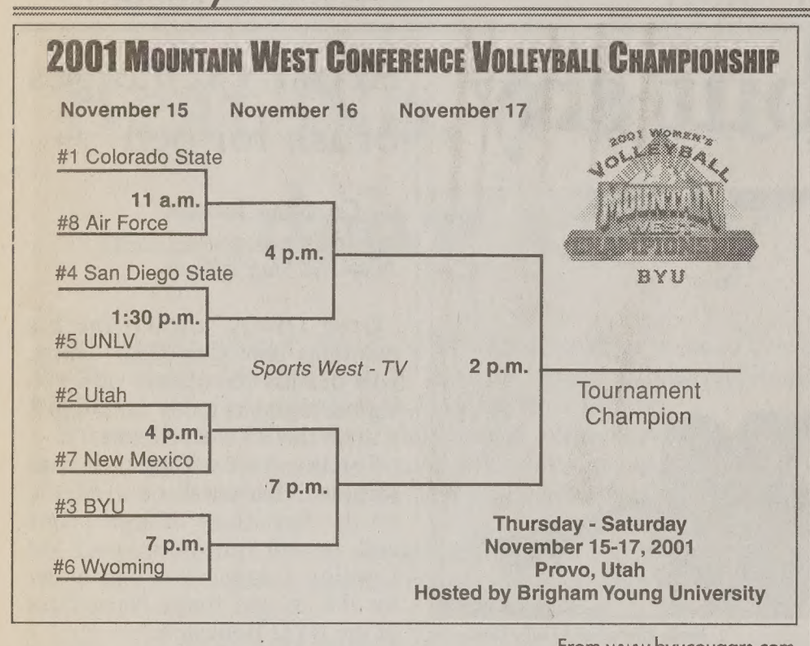

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MWC at BYU

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The No. 18 BYU women's volleyball team hosts the third annual Mountain West Conference Volleyball Championships, which run today through Saturday.

The No. 3 seeded Cougars kick off the tournament with a match against sixth-seeded Wyoming tonight in the Smith Fieldhouse at 7 p.m.

BYU stumbles into the MWC tournament with an 8-5 record in its last 13 matches. However, the Cougars are coming off an impressive win at San Diego State last Saturday.

"Our match against San Diego State was perhaps our best effort of the year," said Elaine Michaelis, BYU women's volleyball coach.

The Cougars open MWC play against the Cowgirls for the third straight year. If overall records are an indication, BYU should have no problems with Wyoming.

BYU senior and All-American middle blocker Nina Puikkonen has led the Cougars this year with 4.11 kills, 2.18 digs and 1.59 blocks per game with a 0.282 attack percentage. Junior right side hitter Sunny Mahe has a 0.330 attack percentage.

Although Utah is a potential opponent for the Cougars on Friday, BYU is not looking past the Cowgirls.

"It's always hard to beat a team three times, so we can't let down our guard, we've got to go in and play hard," Michaelis said.

Mahe agreed. "Right now, we're focusing on Wyoming," Mahe said. "We're taking it one game at a time."

BYU has the experience and athletes that should prevail, Michaelis said.

In other games today, top seeded Colorado State (23-1, 13-1), has the luxury of opening play against No. 8 seed Air Force, at 11 a.m. In what will perhaps be the most competitive match of the day, No. 4 seed San Diego State (15-10, 9-5) will take on No. 5 seed UNLV (9-13, 6-8) at 1:30 p.m. At 4 p.m., No. 2 seed Utah (19-5, 11-3) will face No. 7 seed New Mexico (5-19, 3-11).

The winner of the MWC Volleyball Championship will gain an automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament. By winning the league championship last year, BYU earned the MWC bid into the NCAA Tournament.

The Cougars and Rams have played for the title in every year since the formation of the MWC. The inaugural MWC championships in 1999 were held in Provo, where CSU prevailed. Last year in Fort Collins, Colo., BYU upset hometown CSU for the title.

Since the USA Today/American Volleyball Coaches Association top-25 poll began in 1982, BYU is one of six teams to be ranked since its creation.

In order to capture its second straight MWC championship, BYU must get off to a fast start in every match.

"We have an exceptionally good group that can carry out and play well," Michaelis said. "Our seniors are all good and solid. Mahe has had a solid year, Lauren (Richards) has come on strong at the end of this year and then we have a great setter (Karina Puikkonen) who's also a great offensive weapon. If those people all click, we should have a very good tournament."

Y soccer at NCAA tournament

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Watch out Nebraska; the BYU women's soccer team is on its way.

BYU is in Lincoln, Neb., for the first round of the NCAA 2001 Women's College Cup Championship. This is the Cougars' fifth consecutive appearance at the NCAA competition.

The Cougars' first opponent will be Kansas. Kickoff is today at 4:30 p.m. CST.

BYU had a three-peat last week, taking the Mountain West Conference championship in Las Vegas. The Cougar soccer team holds a 5-4 record in the NCAA playoffs.

BYU finished in the "Sweet Sixteen" twice in the past five appearances at the championship.

"I'm predicting a Final Four, finish," senior Jennie Christianson said.

Christianson said the team's unity will be its greatest asset. "We have great team chemistry. We are all friends on and off the field," Christianson said.

The women's soccer team hasn't always been so close. "We struggled at the start of the season, but we were able to pull together and get a bid to the NCAA tournament," Christianson said.

Sophomore Lydia Ojuka, MVP of the MWC tournament, said the team is playing together and is ready to work hard.

"Our team is playing really well. We just need to realize how hard we need to keep working," Ojuka said. "We need to take it one game at a time and not overlook Kansas. They may not be that well known of a team but we have to beat them."

Ojuka said BYU's best asset is its great fundamental skills.

"Our coaches have said before that this team has the most talent of any BYU team in the past. Every year the new people coming in get better," Ojuka said. "We have a lot of speed."

Speed isn't the only thing the Cougars have going for them.

"We have been here before," Ojuka said. "We need to stay composed and just play soccer."

Sophomore Aleisha Cramer, who has been nominated for the Hermann Trophy and the Missouri Athletic Club collegiate soccer player of the year award, said the team cannot disregard any opponent.

"We cannot overlook Kansas. We can't look past them to Nebraska," Cramer said.

Cramer said she thinks overcoming adversity is the team's best asset."We have lost a lot this season and some teams do not react positively to losing. But we didn't give up and it is all coming together," she said.

BYU head coach Jennifer Rockwood is excited about the team's NCAA appearance.

"Obviously our team is very excited for the opportunity to extend our season and are looking forward to playing Kansas," Rockwood said. "It's been our goal all season to make it into postseason play and to do our very best. Now we get a chance to make it all happen."

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BYU midfielder Aleisha Cramer drills past Wyoming on Oct. 27. The Cougars play their first game against Kansas today.

MLB managers of the year

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Lou Piniella looked at Larry Bowa a year ago and saw a lot of himself in his third-base coach at Seattle. It turned out he was r'ght — both wound up with Manager of the Year awards Wednesday.

Piniella won the American League honor for the second time for leading the Mariners to a record-setting season, and Bowa won the National League award for keeping the surprising Philadelphia Phillies in playoff contention until the final three days of the season.

"I recognized he knew baseball," Piniella said. "I recognized that he had leadership qualities. As the season progressed, I even told him, 'You should think about managing at the big-league level again and not be satisfied being a third-base coach.'"

Piniella, whose Mariners tied the major league record of 116 wins, received 22 first-place votes and six seconds for 128 points from a panel of the Baseball Writers' Association.

Bowa got 18 first-place votes, six seconds and five thirds in the separate NL voting, for 113 points.

Piniella, 58, and Bowa, 55, have similar intensity, but Piniella has calmed down during 15 years as a major league manager.

"I do have the intensity," said Bowa, whose contract was extended Wednesday for two years through 2004. "I think I've learned to bottle it up a little bit better than before. I'm still very intense. I'm not going to lie about that."

Bowa, fired by San Diego after compiling an 81-127 record in 1987-88, said Piniella warned him about his intensity.

"There was a time during the course of the year when I was very high," Bowa said, "and you have to sort of back off there."

Piniella, who also won the award with Seattle in 1995, became the first manager to twice lead teams to first-place finishes after leading from opening day, first accomplishing the feat with the 1990 Cincinnati Reds.

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Women's field hockey grows in popularity

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assionate for a sport that does exist in Utah County, BYU men have formed their own ld hockey team.

he women's field hockey m, called the Provos, came ether by word of mouth. These men are busy working to velop field hockey in Utah.

he players carry their sticks to ss for conversation starters, d Jen Marriot, a freshman at U and right wing for the ovos. By bringing their sticks glass, the team is able to talk ut the sport and recruit addi- al players.

he women distribute posters oughout campus hoping to ead more interest, Marriot d.

ll of the women players com- ed on high school teams, and y had opportunities to play egiate field hockey.

When I decided to come to U, I thought I would never get the chance to play again," Marriot said. "When I found out there was a team here, I was very excited."

Almost all of the Provo team members came to Utah from eastern states.

"Field hockey is huge in the East," said Jodi Schoenberger, center mid for the Provos. In the Midwest, field hockey is less popular and rarely played, she said.

During high school Schoenberger, Marriot and Carrie Mcwhirter played on the United States Field Hockey Association futures team. The futures team is used to train athletes for the U.S. Olympic field hockey team.

The association granted the BYU women who played on the futures team money to develop field hockey in Utah County, said Shoenberger.

The one-time grant provides the Provos and local kids with field hockey equipment.

The Provos plan on running clinics for children and sponsoring local field hockey tournaments, Shoenberger said.

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>
> — Jen Marriot, Provo's right wing

The Provos are not sponsored by BYU and cannot claim association. "But we still tell every one we go to school at BYU," Mcwhirter said.

Since they don't have a home field, the women decided to call their team after the city they met in — Provo. Eventually, the women hope to create a team popular enough to gain continued sponsorship, Mcwhirter said.

The self-coached Provo field hockey team practices twice a week. Shoenberger and Mcwhirter organize and run the practices.

"We take it upon ourselves to determine the drills and skills that we need to work on," Mcwhirter said.

The Provo team has never practiced with a set team, it just plays with whomever it can find. The Provos have even borrowed players from other teams at tournaments, Mcwhirter said.

This fall, the Provos competed in the Stanford University field hockey tournament.

The team begged its way into the tournament and even had to bum equipment for the goalie, Mcwhirter said.

The Provos anticipate the day when they will play in front of their hometown crowd — Provo.

Unless the team can organize a home game, its next tournament will be in Tucson, Ariz. sometime in February.

Photo courtesy of Jeremy Trail

Members of the BYU women's field hockey team head for the ball during a game at a Stanford University tournament. The BYU team, named the Provos, was organized this year.

No. 10 ranked IceCats playing USU tonight

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ter last weekend's two wins the University of New Mex- the Provo IceCats have ained a tenth-place ranking in West.

e IceCats are seeking to con- e its four-game winning k when they face off against 1 ranked Utah State Univer- tonight.

e American Collegiate Hock- Association, a committee of hes, assigns the rankings, IceCat assistant coach Ed tt.

veral of the IceCats' oppo- s have representatives on the mittee, for example Weber e, Palmer West, San Jose e and Utah State.

here must be a good buzz g around about how well our is playing," Gantt said.

e coaches on the committee onsidering more than just the at record, now 6-5-1.

e coaches' committee is sing on how well the IceCats rmed against its opponents, pared to other teams these hes a have faced, Gantt said.

e games are played on the — not in the polls," said Ice- ead coach Ray Bernier.

The IceCat coaching staff felt the Utes were a better team than the Aggies at the time the IceCats first played the Utah teams, Bernier said.

The Aggies have defeated the Utes on several occasions this season, proving the team is worthy of its first place ranking, he said.

Playing the No. 1 ranked team in the west tonight will be an interesting gauge of the team's development.

"The IceCats have improved dramatically over the year," Bernier said.

Early in the season the IceCats fell to the Aggies 10-4.

"USU will take us lightly," said Derek Battisti, IceCat wing.

Despite USU's first place ranking the IceCats can beat them, Battisti said.

The IceCat players said they find the number 10 ranking inspiring and a confidence builder.

Knocking off the No. 1 team would jump the IceCats up in the rankings, Battisti said. The No. 10 ranking is just motivation for a team to increase its place in the polls, he said.

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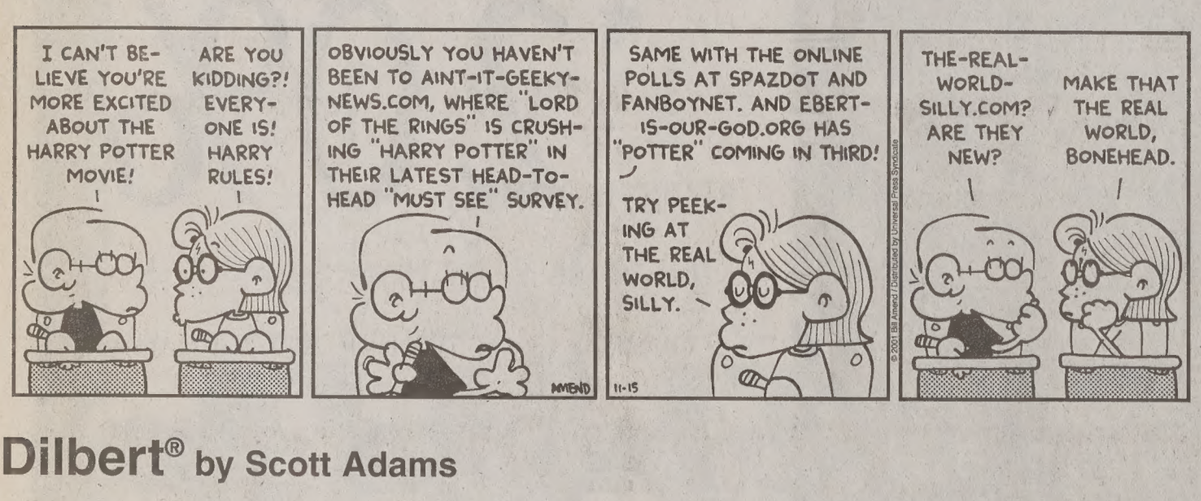
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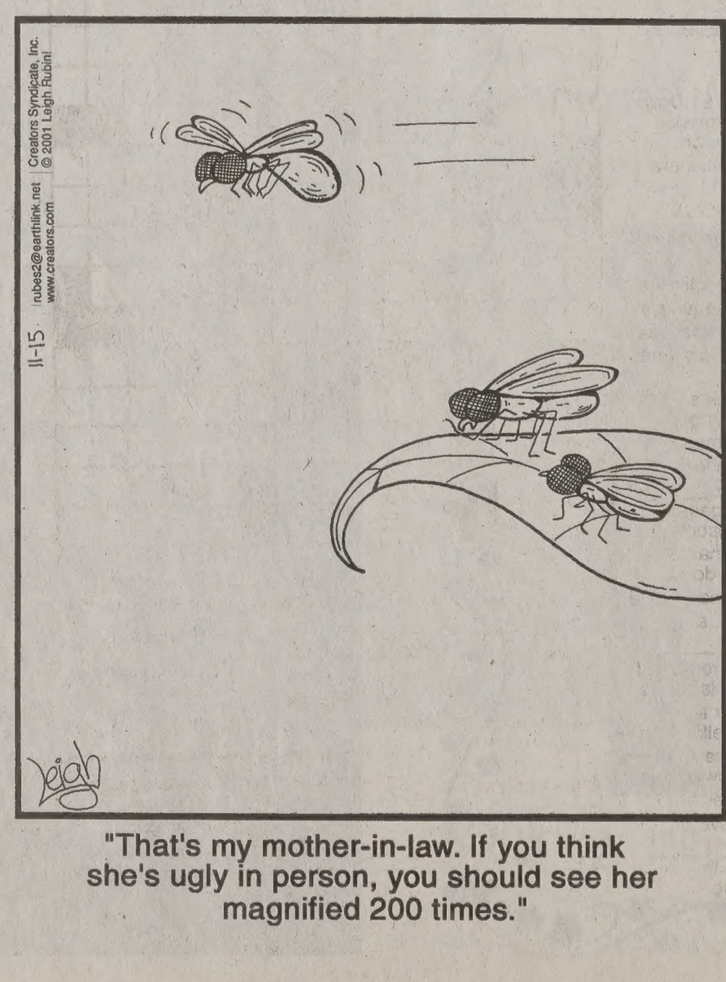

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Recession creeps slowly into Utah

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The national recession is slowly creeping into Utah's economy, darkening skies over the proposed legislative fiscal budget and raining on lawmakers' parades.

Governor Leavitt opted not to call a special session of the legislature to solve $177 million deficit in the state budget. Leavitt was concerned about the possible need to dip into the "rainy day fund" to solve budget woes, and instead called for cuts in state agencies.

Leavitt proposed a first round budget cut of $80 million from state agencies. An additional second of budget cuts could draw from to $40 million to ensure the state's budget.

Although Leavitt wants to avoid dipping into the "rainy day fund," which was established for potential natural and economic disasters impacting Utah, the fund could provide a solution to cover any remaining shortage, according to John Massey, legislative fiscal analyst.

Utah lawmakers anticipated the economic slowdown in Utah during the legislative session last spring and tried to counter its effects.

Senate Majority Whip John Valentine, R-Utah County, said the legislature tried to adjust potential budget problems due to the softer economy in the session last fall.

"Projections weren't as rosy as they had originally thought," Valentine said.

"The economy was slowly sagging throughout the summer, and the terrorist attacks brought it to the sharp point of the sag," he said.

However, Valentine believes that the recent increase in the stock markets are lead indicators that the economy could be six to nine months away from bouncing back.

Senate Chairman of the Appropriations Committee Leonard Blackham, R-Moroni, Sanpete County, believes there could be additional reduction if the economy worsens.

"I think it is very questionable right now depending upon how the terrorism situation proceeds," Blackham said.

"The influx of thousands of people for the Olympics could increase Utah's economic status at this time, but could lead to a drop off in the following year," Blackham said.

Pump prices plunge as holidays approach

File photo

Robert Au watches a television report while filling up his gas tank in September. Gas prices have dropped an average of 12 cents in Provo.

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BYU students will get more gas for their dollar as prices at the pump plummet across the nation.

The average price for a gallon of unleaded gasoline in Utah has dropped an average 12 cents this month to $1.38, according to AAA Insurance figures.

In Provo, the average price has fallen 12 cents to $1.49, and in Orem, the price dropped 20 cents to $1.29.

These figures reflect an overall trend across the nation, as the average price for gas dropped 15 cents from last month to $1.19. This is almost 35 cents lower than this time last year.

Prices are expected to remain at this level for most of the holiday season, said Rolayne Fairclough, press secretary for AAA Insurance.

"During the holidays, we don't anticipate any high spikes. We will see prices relatively where they are right now, barring any unforeseen circumstance," Fairclough said.

The major reason behind falling prices is the overall cost of crude oil, said John Felmy, chief economist for the American Petroleum Institute.

This drop on crude oil prices began Sept. 24, shortly after OPEC promised to keep a stable supply of oil after the terrorist attacks, Felmy said.

OPEC met yesterday to discuss shoring up crude oil costs by reducing production. Their decision will affect the future of gas prices worldwide, Felmy said.

"Everything depends on what OPEC decides. We are hostage of worldwide oil supply and demand, and we have to take what OPEC decides to produce," Felmy said.

The change in gas prices hasn't done much to change economic trends or student travel in Provo.

Dixon Holmes, assistant director for economic development in Provo, said people aren't exactly rushing to the pumps to take advantage of lower costs. Though people may decide to fill up a full tank rather than half a tank, overall people aren't really purchasing more gas.

Andrea Miller, 22, a music education major from Littleton, Colo., is traveling out of state this weekend.

She said the change in gas prices has not altered her plans to go to California. While she is happy about the lower prices, she would have gone anyway.

"The cheaper the better, but as far as a long trip, it wouldn't make a difference," Miller said.

Lindsay VonForell, 20, a business management major from Fort Collins, Colo., is traveling home for Thanksgiving. She said she hadn't noticed the change in price, but will fill up wherever it is cheapest.

Security benefits from new science

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Alarm bells sounded an instant after the camera scanned Ali Kato's face. She had been caught by a computer search of electronic mug shots.

No one moved in the crowded room, which included two U.S. senators.

The incident was only a test, done by Lau Technologies of Littleton, Mass., at the invitation of the senators. Kato, 22, is no terrorist, just a Los Angeles resident who is an intern for Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif.

But the demonstration Wednesday of security devices based on facial recognition, fingerprints, hand geometry and iris scans — the growing field of biometrics — probably represented the future of airport and border security.

Legislation proposed by Feinstein and Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., would require the use of biometric information for all applicants for visas to enter the United States.

"Only if we can identify terrorists planning attacks in the United States do we stand a chance of stopping them," Feirstein said. "Only with biometrics do we have a chance."

The promise of biometrics lies in its use of information that cannot be changed, such as fingerprints and computer-age speed.

Systems already are in use in some airports.

In San Francisco, a hand geometry system helps control access to secure areas.

At the main airport in Iceland, machines that scan the iris, the colored part of the eye, are being tested.

Among the government officials and half-dozen makers of biometric scanners who testified Wednesday, there was agreement that the most effective system would use at least two pieces of information.

The FBI, for instance, had no fingerprints on file for any of the 19 hijackers who seized four airplanes in the Sept. 11 attacks, said Michael D. Kirkpatrick, the FBI's assistant director in charge of the Criminal Justice Information Services Division.

"No single biometric application is going to be the be all and end all," Kirkpatrick said.

Calif. admissions policy adds new criteria

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A University of California regents committee voted Wednesday to adopt a new admissions policy that would take into account any personal hardships a prospective student had to overcome.

The move to look at more than just grades and test scores comes six years after the university system eliminated race-based affirmative action.

The 7-6, 13-2 vote sends the issue to the full Board of Regents on Thursday, when it is expected to be approved.

The policy, known as comprehensive review, involves looking at grades and test scores plus such things as whether a student overcame poverty, has special talents or did well in a bad school.

It has been criticized as a covert way of reviving race-based admissions, now banned by state law, though supporters maintain it is race-neutral.

The regents added an amendment to the policy saying it would not be used to inject race into the admissions process.

Comprehensive review already is being used to admit some students to UC's eight undergraduate campuses. But the campuses are currently restricted to admitting at least 50 percent of their students on the basis of 10 academic criteria.

Comprehensive review adds four more criteria, including such things as whether the student pushed himself or overcame adversity.

Proponents said the switch, already approved by the UC faculty, sends a message to California high school students that they can get into UC if they make the most of their opportunities.

"I have always felt that there has to be a better way than just looking at numbers of a person," said Regent Sherry Lansing.

Critics said the plan could make the admissions a little less fair.

UC officials said the new policy is not back-door affirmative action, in part because race is taken off applications before they are reviewed.

Crossword

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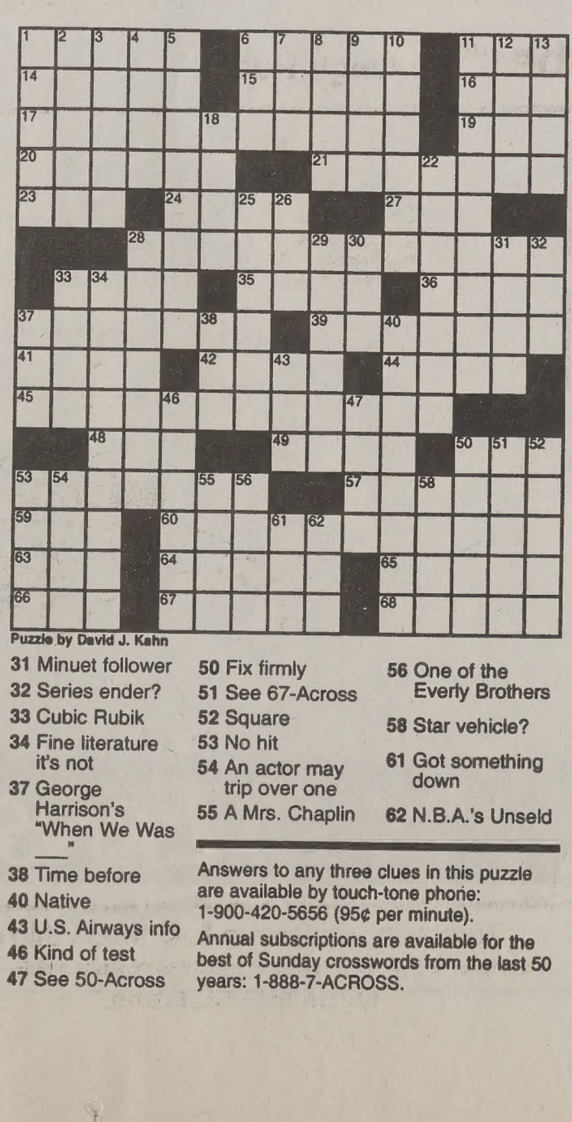
ACROSS

1 Units of distance
5 Push
10 Frank McCourt memoir
14 Earth tone
15 Longtime Chicago Symphony conductor
16 Flying off the shelves
17 They're piled on the floor
18 Yeanling producer
19 Undertake
20 Noisy cutter
21 Inc. staff
22 Doctor's advice, perhaps
24 "___-Willow" ("The Mikado" song)
27 Small small?
28 Utah, with "the"
33 "Iliad," "Odyssey" and the like
35 "Great" beasts
36 "Cotton Candy" trumpeter
37 Led, as a jazz band
39 Planetlike
41 Contribution before the deal
42 Nixon, once
44 Roughly
45 Some Winter Olympians
48 Choice on a French survey
49 French weapon
50 With 47-Down, went wild
53 One may be on the can
57 Require
59 Small small?
60 Schenectady is on it
63 Washington is on it
64 Combine
65 Change
66 A pop
67 With 51-Down, commission collector
68 Not all there

DOWN

1 Outlaw hunters
2 Hurt
3 AOL activities
4 Consequently
5 Most sheltered
6 Sharon's land: Abbr.
7 Barber's challenge
8 Commoner
9 Brute leader?
10 Franz ___ "Hungarian Rhapsodies"
11 You may take them down
12 Waterloo locale
13 Curry, e.g.
18 Fit to ___
22 They're played with plectrums
25 Under an umbrella
26 Service acknowledgment
28 Studies hard
29 The evening star
30 More than a feeling
31 Minuet follower
32 Series ender?
33 Cubic Rubik
34 Fine literature it's not
37 George Harrison's "When We Was ___"
38 Time before
40 Native
43 U.S. Airways info
46 Kind of test
47 See 50-Across
50 Fix firmly
51 See 67-Across
52 Square
53 No hit
54 An actor may trip over one
55 A Mrs. Chaplin
56 One of the Everly Brothers
58 Star vehicle?
61 Got something down
62 N.B.A.'s Unseld



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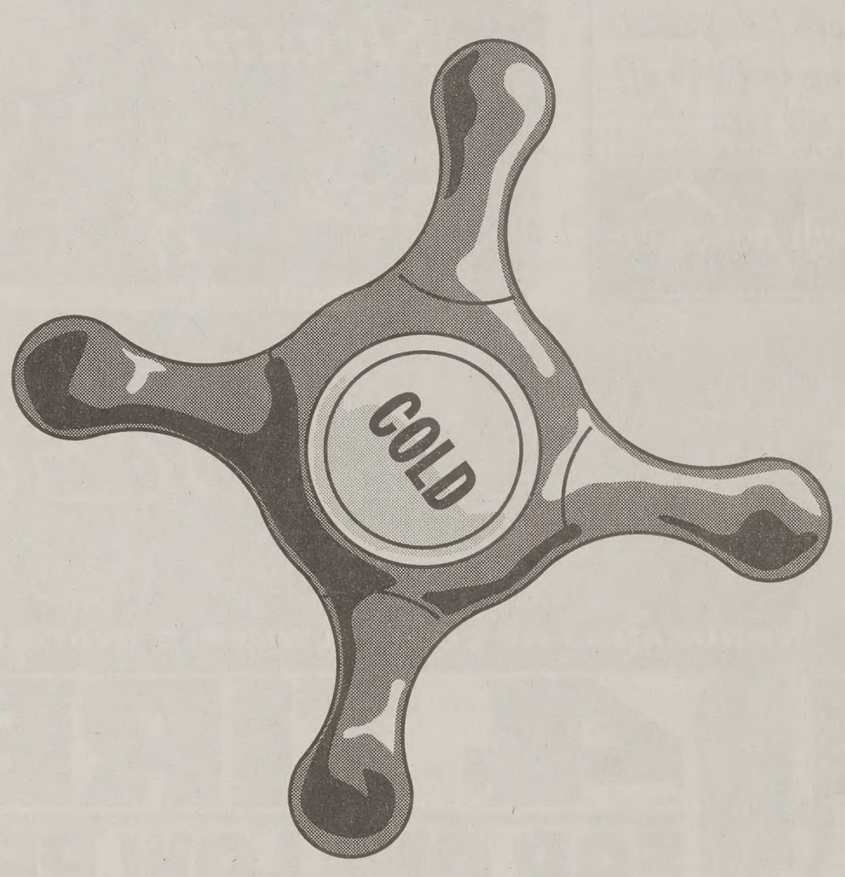

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